GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN BIHAR
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Bihar has submitted their proposal for clearance/sanction of Rural Electrification projects; and

(b) if so, the present status thereof and action taken by the Union Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) & (b) : Government of Bihar/Bihar State Electricity Board (BSEB) has submitted an Action Plan for electrification of 21991 villages (9683 Virgin + 12308 Rehabilitation) and has planned to achieve 100% village electrification during the 10th Plan.

The priorities for execution of rural electrification projects are determined by the State Governments/State Electricity Boards/Power Utilities depending upon the policies and directions of the State Government concerned. In order to accelerate the pace of rural electrification in the country, Government provides additional central assistance to the States under various schemes for rural electrification. During the year 2001-02, Government has released an amount of Rs.24.58 crores under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY), and Rs.9.48 crores under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) to Bihar for rural electrification. Again, during 2002-03, against an allocation of Rs.241.73 crores for all the six components including rural electrification, an amount of Rs.120.86 crores has been released to Bihar as the first instalment (50%) under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY). In addition, an amount of Rs.34.00 crores has also been released to Bihar as the first instalment (50%) of the total allocation of Rs.68 crores under Minimum Needs Programme (MNP). State Government has been requested to utilize these funds judiciously so as to ensure that the target of achieving 100% village electrification by 2007 is achieved.